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SUBJECT: Conversation with Department of State on
8 November 1951 - Current Status of BGFIEND

1. In addition to any items which you may see fit to discuss with the State Department relative to your trip, such as the decisions reached at the Rome meeting, I would recommend passing the following information:

A. With the permission of the State Department a leaflet drop is scheduled for 7 November. 500,000 copies of "Reply to the Communist Terror" will be scattered by the OPC covert plane. A translation of this leaflet is attached which we believe is particularly pertinent now as it shows the Albanians that the NCFA is not set back by its recent losses, but is carrying through its program and is passing specific instructions along to the people.

B. Radio contact has been made with the four-man Pine Tree Team operating in northeastern Albania. Although the message was undecipherable the fact that contact was made is significant. A supply drop to this team is scheduled 12 November.

C. Three members of the five-man Chestnut Team dropped in Albania on October 15 have exfiltrated and returned to Greece via Yugoslavia. This team was dropped in the Peshkopiye region. A complete debriefing report has not been received to date, but their return indicates this team was not wiped out as previously feared. The men who exfiltrated became separated from the other members of the team in the course of a battle with security police and were unaware of the fate of the other members who have been reported killed by Radio Tirana.

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D. An additional point requiring attention is the matter of State Department permission for our Propaganda Supply Drops. Two are scheduled for the current month. One on the 19th followed by a second on the 23rd.